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SUBJECT: DAILY MEDIA REACTION REPORT  
PARIS - TUESDAY MAY 12  
LEAD: OPENING OF KLAUS BARBIE'S TRIAL; DEATH OF  
EMMANUEL VITRIA, A 1968 HEART-TRANSPLANT RECIPIENT.  
(A) STORIES COVERED IN REPORT:

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1. IRAN-CONTRA HEARINGS  
2. U.S. PENALTIES ON JAPAN IMPORTS -- POSSIBLE REAGAN VETO OF TRADE BILL AND GEPHARDT AMENDMENT  
3. OECD MINISTERIAL MEETING IN PARIS  
4. OPENING OF BARBIE'S TRIAL  
(B) SUMMARY OF TYPE OF COVERAGE  
1. TELEVISION AND RADIO NEWS REPORT MCFARLANE'S TESTIMONY WHICH ALSO GETS SIGNIFICANT INSIDE-PAGE COVERAGE IN THE WRITTEN PRESS. RADIO AND TELEVISION CARRY FACTUAL REPORTS BUT ALL PAPERS EXCEPT FIGARO AND QUOTIDIEN SAY MCFARLANE CHARGED THE PRESIDENT.  
2. IN A REPORT ON ADOPTED TRADE BILL AND GEPHARD'S AMENDMENT, WEEKLY LE POINT SPECULATES ON PRESIDENT REAGAN'S ATTITUDE TO AVOID A CRISIS WITH CONGRESS.  
3. FINANCIAL AND MAIN PAPERS CARRY ADVANCE REPORTS ON OECD MEETING WHICH IS OPENING TODAY IN PARIS. REPORTS SAY MEETING IS PREVIEW OR CURTAIN RAISER FOR VENICE SUMMIT.  
4. OPENING OF BARBIE'S TRIAL AGAIN MONOPOLIZES FRENCH MEDIA. ALL PAPERS CARRY FRONT-PAGE PHOTOGRAPH OF NAZI CRIMINAL. REPORTS HEADLINE HIS REFUSAL TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT HIS NAME IS BARBIE WHICH IS DESCRIBED AS HIS FIRST LIE IN THE TRIAL.  
(C) HEADLINES:  
1. IRANGATE:  
"MCFARLANE COULD ALSO IMPLICATE REAGAN IN AID TO THE CONTRAS" (LE MONDE)  
"MCFARLANE SPARES REAGAN" (FIGARO)  
"MCFARLANE CHARGES THE PRESIDENT" (LE MATIN)  
"MCFARLANE PUSHES PRESIDENT FURTHER DOWN" (LIBERATION)  
2. U.S.-JAPAN:  
"U.S. KICKS BACK" (LE POINT)  
3. OECD MEETING:  
"TO PREVENT A RECESSION" (LE MONDE)  
"TO RESTORE CREDIBILITY" (LA TRIBUNE)  
"CALL TO INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION" (LES ECHOS)  
"TEST FOR AGRICULTURE" (FIGARO)  
4. BARBIE'S TRIAL:  
"ACCUSED FOR 'CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY,' AND PRESUMED INNOCENT" (LE MONDE)  
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(D) SUPPORTING TEXT:

1. IRANGATE:

TELEVISION ANTENNE-2 AT 8 A.M. BY WASHINGTON

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CORRESPONDENT JACQUES ABOUCHAR WITH VISUALS OF HEARING: "MCFARLANE PROVIDED INTERESTING CLARIFICATIONS. HE SAID THAT AFTER CONGRESS HAD BANNED MILITARY AID TO THE CONTRAS, THE PRESIDENT REPEATEDLY MADE CLEAR TO HIS ENTOURAGE THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO HELP THE CONTRAS AT ANY PRICE. THE WHITE HOUSE IMMEDIATELY REACTED BY SAYING THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD NEVER ASKED ANYONE TO PROVIDE ILLEGAL AID TO THE NICARAGUAN REBELS. BUT MCFARLANE PROVIDED FIGURES ON THE AID REPORTEDLY PROVIDED BY SAUDI ARABIA....HE SAID HE INFORMED THE PRESIDENT, SHULTZ AND WEINBERGER AND THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD TOLD HIM HE WAS FULLY SATISFIED." RADIO FRANCE-INTER AT 8 A.M. BY WASHINGTON

CORRESPONDENT BERTRAND VANNIER: "HE SAID THE PRESIDENT HAD REPEATEDLY ASKED HIS ADVISERS TO FIND A WAY TO HELP THE CONTRAS AFTER CONGRESS HAD BANNED ALL AID. HE ALSO SAID THAT, ACCORDING TO COLONEL NORTH, THE PRESIDENT KNEW THAT SOME OF THE MONEY PROVIDING FROM ARMS SALES TO IRAN HAD BEEN DIVERTED TO THE CONTRAS, A FACT THAT RONALD REAGAN CONTINUES TO DENY."

CONSERVATIVE FIGARO ON PAGE 4 BY WASHINGTON

CORRESPONDENT BAUDOUIN BOLLAERT: "CONTRARY TO SOME PREDICTIONS, THE FORMER NSC CHIEF DID NOT IMPLICATE THE PRESIDENT IN ANY ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES....THE BIG QUESTION WAS TO FIND OUT WHETHER MCFARLANE WOULD PLACE THE PRESIDENT IN AN EMBARRASSING POSITION. FOR THE TIME BEING, THE ANSWER IS 'NO.' INDEED, AFTER CONGRESS HAD BANNED ANY AID TO THE CONTRAS, REAGAN DID NOT GIVE UP. 'BUT WE DID NOT DO ANYTHING AGAINST THE LAW,' MCFARLANE SAID."

INFLUENTIAL LE MONDE ON PAGE 5 BY WASHINGTON

CORRESPONDENT BERNARD GUETTA: "MCFARLANE WILL REVEAL ON MONDAY THAT MR. REAGAN HAD DIRECTLY ORDERED THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN AID PROGRAM TO THE NICARAGUAN REBELS AFTER CONGRESS HAD BANNED ANY MILITARY AID IN THEIR FAVOR....WITH HIS REVELATIONS, MCFARLANE WILL LIKELY INCREASE THE GROWING FEELING IN WASHINGTON THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS NOT AS IGNORANT AS HE SAID....THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT REAGAN WAS INFORMED OF THE OPERATIONS BUT, ACCORDING TO VARIOUS INDICATIONS, THINGS ARE NOW BECOMING CLEARER AND, LAST SUNDAY, DANIEL INOUE SAID ON ABC THAT 'AS TESTIMONIES WILL GO ON, IT WILL BECOME CLEAR THAT MR. REAGAN KNEW A LITTLE MORE THAN HE SAID.' THE WHOLE QUESTION IS TO FIND OUT THE EXACT MEANING OF THE 'LITTLE MORE,' BECAUSE, ALTHOUGH REAGAN'S IMAGE WILL VERY LIKELY 'TARNISHED' FURTHER, IT IS NOT CERTAIN THAT HE DELIBERATED VIOLATED THE LAW. FROM A JUDICIAL POINT OF VIEW, ONE CAN CLAIM THAT THE BANNING OF MILITARY AID TO THE CONTRAS DID NOT PREVENT THE NSC FROM SUPPORTING THE ORGANIZATION THROUGH A NETWORK OF PRIVATE AIDS. IN ANY EVENT, THIS IS THE ADVICE WHICH WAS GIVEN TO THE WHITE HOUSE AND MCFARLANE WILL EXPLAIN THAT REAGAN HAD NOT SPECIFIED HOW THE AID SHOULD BE ORGANIZED AND THAT HE DID NOT VIOLATE THE UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 05 PARIS 23533

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PRO-SOCIALIST LE MATIN ON PAGE 11 BY REPORTER LAURENT  
MUNNICH: "THE FORMER ADVISER REVEALED THAT, CONTRARY TO  
WHAT HE CONTINUES TO CLAIM, REAGAN ORDERED THE NSC TO  
CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE CONTRAS AFTER CONGRESS HAD  
BANNED ALL AID....MCFARLANE HOWEVER WILL LIKELY NOT GO  
FURTHER IN HIS REVELATIONS. HE WILL NOT REVEAL THE  
SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN TO THE NSC BY THE  
PRESIDENT....UP TO NOW, REAGAN MERELY CHARGED OLIVER  
NORTH IN SAYING THAT HE WENT FURTHER THAN HE WAS TOLD  
TO AND THAT HE HAD ACTED WITHOUT INFORMING THE  
PRESIDENT....MCFARLANE'S TESTIMONY WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE  
A HIGH POINT OF THE HEARINGS....AFTER HIS SUICIDE  
ATTEMPT, HE ENJOYS CLEAR SUPPORT FROM U.S. PUBLIC WHICH  
SEES HIM AS THE FIRST VICTIM OF IRANGATE. HIS  
REVELATIONS WILL THUS HAVE A STRONG IMPACT."

COMMUNIST HUMANITE ON PAGE 13: "MCFARLANE INDICATED  
MONDAY THAT REAGAN HAD CLEARLY ASKED HIM TO HELP THE  
NICARAGUAN REBELS. AN EMBARRASSING CLARIFICATION FOR  
THE U.S. PRESIDENT WHO CLAIMS HE DID NOT KNOW ANYTHING."  
LEFT-OF-CENTER LIBERATION BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT  
FRANCOIS SERGENT: "ONE AFTER THE OTHER, THE PEOPLE  
TESTIFYING SEEM TO BE SAYING THE SAME THING. AFTER  
SECORD HAD RAISED QUESTIONS ON REAGAN'S ATTITUDE,  
MCFARLANE DREW THE PORTRAIT OF A PRESIDENT MUCH MORE  
AWARE OF THE CLANDESTINE AID PROVIDED TO THE CONTRAS  
THAN THE WHITE HOUSE HAS UP TO NOW ACKNOWLEDGED....THE  
WHITE HOUSE NO LONGER DENIES THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN WAS  
INFORMED ABOUT THE AID BUT IT CLAIMS IT WAS NOT ILLEGAL  
AND THAT THE PROCESS WAS NOT FORBIDDEN BY CONGRESS.  
MCFARLANE'S TESTIMONY WILL PROBABLY LAST THE WHOLE WEEK  
AND IT IS CLEAR THAT SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES WILL  
ENDLESSLY ASK THE VERY QUESTION OF WATERGATE: 'WHAT DID  
HE KNOW AND WHEN WAS HE INFORMED?'"

2. U.S.-JAPAN:

WEEKLY LE POINT ON PAGE 94 BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT  
JEAN-PIERRE JOULIN UNDER SUBTITLE: "RISK OF TRADE WAR  
AND POLITICAL DUELS: THE TONE IS RISING IN  
CONGRESS...." EXCERPTS TEXT READ: "THE SHARING OF THE  
U.S. POLITICAL WORLD--HENCE OF CONGRESS BETWEEN  
SUPPORTERS AND ADVERSARIES OF PROTECTIONISM IS NOT  
BASED ON THEIR POLITICAL PARTIES BUT ON THE SITUATION  
OF THEIR CONSTITUENCIES IN THE U.S. THERE ARE ON THE

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ONE HAND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NORTH-EAST INDUSTRIAL AREAS OR FROM AGRICULTURAL STATES IN THE MIDDLE WEST AND, ON THE OTHER HAND, REPRESENTATIVES FROM MORE PROTECTED AREAS SUCH AS CALIFORNIA OR THE PACIFIC COAST WHICH ARE LOOKING TOWARD ASIA. ALL POLITICAL EXPERTS ARE CONVINCED THAT PROTECTIONISM--UNDER ONE FORM OR THE OTHER--WILL BE A MAIN ISSUE IN THE CAMPAIGN NEXT YEAR AND THAT THE VOTE ON APRIL 29 WAS ONLY A PREVIEW OF THE PREPARING CONFRONTATIONS....OF COURSE NEITHER THE PROJECT NOR THE GEPHARD AMENDMENT HAVE BECOME LAW YET. THE SENATE MUST CONFIRM THE VOTE AND, MAINLY, PRESIDENT REAGAN INTENDS TO VETO THE PROPOSALS TO PREVENT THE BEGINNING OF A TRADE WAR. BUT TO PREVENT A 'CLASH,' HE WILL BE FORCED UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 05 PARIS 23533

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TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT CONCESSIONS TO THE PROTECTIONIST CAMP."

3. OPENING OF OECD MEETING IN PARIS:

FINANCIAL LA TRIBUNE ON PAGE 2: "OECD IS ABOUT TO GO THROUGH A CREDIBILITY TEST...THE 24 WESTERN COUNTRIES WILL TRY TO DECIDE ON MEASURES CAPABLE OF STIMULATING A GLOBAL GROWTH WHICH HAS BECOME DANGEROUSLY LETHARGIC. BUT ANY MEASURE TO RELAUNCH ECONOMIES IN JAPAN AND WEST GERMANY OR A CUT IN THE BUDGET DEFICIT IN THE U.S. IMPLIES MONETARY STABILITY. AND THE STRATEGY CONSISTING IN PROVOKING A DECLINE OF THE DOLLAR TO REACH THESE OBJECTIVES FAILED. NOT ONLY THE U.S. DEFICIT HAS DEEPENED, BUT IT HAS ENCOURAGED AN EXTENSION OF COMPETITIVE EXPORTS FROM JAPAN AND TAIWAN. FURTHERMORE, THE LEADERS MEETING HERE SEEM UNABLE TO STOP THE DECLINE WHICH STARTS HAVING NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON JAPANESE AND WEST GERMAN GROWTH. WISHFUL REMARKS ARE NOT SUFFICIENT TO MARKETS AND INVESTORS.....IN THE SHORT RUN, THE ISSUE IS TO RESTORE THE IMAGE OF THESE BIG MEETINGS AND OF WHAT THEY CAN ACHIEVE. THIS IS WHY THE AGRICULTURAL DOSSIER WILL BE AT THE CENTER OF THE CONVERSATIONS...BUT, IN THIS AREA ALSO, THERE ARE MANY OBSTACLES. AFTER DISCUSSING THE ISSUE WITH REAGAN TWO WEEKS AGO, NAKASONE WAS REBUFFED IN TOKYO BY THE AGRICULTURAL MINISTER WHO DOES NOT WANT TO HEAR OF LIBERALIZATION OF THE RICE MARKET." ECONOMIC LES ECHOS ON PAGE 3 BY REPORTER PATRICIA

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COLMANT: "ADOPTION BY THE HOUSE OF A VERY RESTRICTIVE BILL FOLLOWED BY A TEXT OF SIMILAR ESSENCE ADOPTED BY THE SENATE LAST THURSDAY, WILL LIKELY MAKE THE U.S. THE TARGET EVEN THOUGH THE U.S. DELEGATION USES ONCE MORE THIS ARGUMENT TO CALL ITS PARTNERS--JAPAN AND WEST GERMANY ESPECIALLY--TO ACCELERATE DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION....INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES COULD IN TURN REMIND THE AMERICANS THAT THEY HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES, THAT THEY DO NOT HESITATE TO GIVE LESSONS TO THE OTHERS ALTHOUGH THEY REMAINS CHAMPIONS IN THE AREA OF IMBALANCE. THEIR COMMERCIAL DEFICIT HAS NOT YET FELT THE BENEFICIAL EFFECTS OF A DEVALUATION OF 50 PERCENT OF THE DOLLAR IN THE FACE OF THE YEN IN TWO YEARS....FINALLY, IMPROVEMENT OF THE ECONOMIC INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE, WHICH IS DOMINATED BY THE ERRATIC MOVEMENTS OF THE DOLLAR, WOULD FAVOR A PROCESS OF REBALANCING TO WHICH THE SEVEN COMMITTED THEMSELVES....ADOPTION OF STRONG MEASURES ARE LINKED TO POLITICAL AFFAIRS AND THEIR CONCRETIZATION WILL NOT BE EASY ALTHOUGH THEY WILL BE UNDER SERIOUS CONSIDERATION AT THE VENICE SUMMIT IN JUNE."

CONSERVATIVE FIGARO ON PAGE 17 BY REPORTER ISABELLE GRAVIERE: "THE MEETING OPENING TODAY WILL DEAL WITH INTERNATIONAL TRADE, GROWTH RATES, CURRENCIES AND FARM SUBSIDIES....THIS LAST POINT WILL SHOW IF COMPROMISES ARE POSSIBLE....AGRICULTURE WILL BE A TEST OF THE DETERMINATION OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE CURRENT PROBLEMS...SHORT RUN COMPROMISES ARE NOT A SOLUTION BECAUSE THE PROBLEMS COME BACK. THE LOUVRE ACCORD SHOW THAT POLITICAL DETERMINATION WITHOUT A REAL ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT IS UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 05 PARIS 23533

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4. BARBIE'S TRIAL:

INFLUENTIAL LE MONDE FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE BY REPORTER JEAN-MARC THEOLLEYRE: "AS **KLAUS BARBIE** APPEARS BEFORE HIS JUDGES, AND AT THE SAME TIME BEFORE THE PUBLIC VIA EUROVISION, THERE IS CAUSE FOR MODERATION AND COMPOSURE. THIS CASE, WHICH IS TO GO ON FOR EIGHT WEEKS, INVOLVES IN THE FIRST PLACE A MAN WHO, IT NEEDS RECALLING, IS PRESUMED INNOCENT UNTIL THE HOUR OF THE

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FORTHCOMING VERDICT. SO SAYS THE LAW."  
INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE - TUESDAY MAY 12  
FRONT-PAGE REPORTS: IHT FROM LYON: 'BARBIE TRIAL  
OPENS;" NYT FROM LONDON: "THATCHER SUMMONS U.K. TO JUNE  
VOTE;" WP FROM WASHINGTON: "MEESE TO BE INVESTIGATED BY  
INDEPENDENT COUNSEL;" IHT FROM LONDON: "59 U.K. BROKERS  
DEFECT TO RIVAL FIRM;" NYT FROM HOUSTON: 'TEXAS THROWS  
BEER CAN OUT THE DRIVER'S WINDOW."  
EDITPAGE: WP: "TOWARD A CONFERENCE;" NYT: "MORE AID,  
LESS CONTROL;" WP: "A BUDGET COMPROMISE."  
COLUMNS: RAMPHAS: "THE ENVIRONMENT IS ABOUT ALL THE  
PEOPLE;" PFAFF: "THE WORLD HAS HAD MILLIONS LIKE **KLAUS  
BARBIE**;" NEIER: "OFFICERS SHOULD OBEY THE LAW, LIKE  
EVERYBODY ELSE;" FLORA LEWIS: "AN ACCORD FOR EUROPE TO  
CHEER." COURTNEY

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END OF MESSAGE

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